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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Application of:                    | Reed et al.   | Examiner:       | Hoekstra, Jeffrey<br>Gerben |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Serial No.:<br>Filed:<br>Entitled: | 10/625,164 July 23, 2003 Methods for Detecting Pathogenic | Group Art Unit: | 3736                        |
|                                    | Agents  | Conf. No.:      | 8006                        |

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment in response to the Office action mailed on October 20, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application.

## **STATUS**

| 2. | App]        | Applicant is             |  |  |  |  |
|----|-------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|    | $\boxtimes$ | a small entity.          |  |  |  |  |
|    |             | other than small entity. |  |  |  |  |
|    |             |                          |  |  |  |  |

## **EXTENSION OF TIME**

| <b>3</b> . | The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 |
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|            | CFR 1.136 apply.   |

| Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.3 |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Extension   | Fee for other than  | Fee for  |  |  |
| (months)  | small entity  | small entity   |  |  |
| ONE month   | \$120.00  | \$60.00  |  |  |
| TWO months  | \$450.00  | \$225.00   |  |  |
| THREE months  | \$1,020.00  | \$510.00   |  |  |
| FOUR months   | \$1,590.00  | \$795.00   |  |  |
| FIVE months   | \$2,160.00  | \$1,080.00   |  |  |
|   | Fee   | \$ <u>510.00</u>   |  |  |
|   | Extension (months)  ONE month TWO months THREE months FOUR months | Extension (months)  ONE month TWO months THREE months FOUR months FIVE months \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00 |  |  |

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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| (a)   |                                      | An extension for has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\\$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. |  |                |   |                            |        |                    |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------------|---|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|
|   |                                      | Exten  | sion fee due v   | vith this requ | iest \$510.00                               |                            |        |                    |
|   |                                      |  |  | OR             |   |                            |        |                    |
| (b)   |                                      | condi<br>applio  | Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. |                |   |                            |        |                    |
|   |                                      |  | ]  | FEE FOR C      | CLAIMS                                      |                            |        |                    |
| 4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:  |                                      |  |  |                |   |                            |        |                    |
| CLAIMS  | S AS AM                              | ENDED  | (1)  | (2)            | (2)   |                            |        |                    |
|   |                                      |  | (1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT   | (2)            | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>NUMBER<br>EXTRA | RATE   | ·<br>·<br>·<br>FEE |
| TOTAL   | CLAIMS                               |  | 34   | minus          | 7   | 27                         | x \$50 | 1,350.00           |
| INDEPENDENT 4 minu CLAIMS   |                                      | minus  | 5  | 0              | x \$200                                     | 0.00                       |        |                    |
|   |                                      | NO   |  |                |   | \$360                      | 0.00   |                    |
| in the second   |                                      | 220  | A TO   |                |   | TOTAL                      |        | 1,350.00           |
| If applicant has small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2 and enter amount here.  SMALL ENTI |                                      |  |  | ITY            | 675.00                                      |                            |        |                    |
| (c)   |                                      | No ado   | litional fee for   | claims is re   | quired.                                     |                            |        |                    |
| OR  |                                      |  |  |                |   |                            |        |                    |
| (d)   | $\boxtimes$                          | Total a  | additional fee   | for claims re  | quired \$675.00                             | )                          |        |                    |
| FEE PAYMENT   |                                      |  |  |                |   |                            |        |                    |
| 5.  | Attached is a check in the sum of \$ |  |  |                |   |                            |        |                    |

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Charge the amount of \$1,185.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 227497/2002 and any additional necessary fees. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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